

# Dempsey's War Record Defended by His Manager: College Coaching Systems to Undergo Changes

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## DENIES J. DEMPSEY WAS DRAFT DODGER

Kearns Defends Champion  
on Slackerism Charge.  
Helped Raise \$100,000.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., January 14.—  
Denial of charges that Jack Dempsey,  
heavyweight pugilist, was a  
"draft dodger" and "slacker" and  
defense of his conduct during the war was  
made by Jack Kearns, Dempsey's man-  
ager, in a signed statement issued here  
today.

"Dempsey was not a 'draft dodger' during the war," Kearns' statement said. "Any one who makes such a charge cannot support it with facts."

Did Not Claim Exemption.  
"When the draft came Dempsey was placed in Class 4-A because he was married, and, in addition, was supporting a mother, an invalid brother and a sister. Dempsey made no claims for exemption."

Some time later the draft board re-adjusting classifications placed Dempsey in Class A-1, but almost immediately afterward put him in Class 2-B. He remained there during the rest of the war. If the conflict had lasted a few weeks longer, it was a certainty he would have performed service."

Kearns recounted Dempsey's services as a riverer in Philadelphia and Seattle shipyards, and added:

Helped Raise \$100,000.  
"He also was appearing in stic contests at all benefits for the different war charities. By this means approximately \$100,000 was raised for the various war funds."

Dempsey paid traveling expenses and fought without remuneration, Kearns said, and "frequently was broke as a consequence."

"Those who are charging Dempsey with being a 'slacker' because he worked in the shipyards and helped to raise nearly \$100,000 for the various war charities," the statement concluded, "are smudging the reputation of every other exempted man who served the nation in the Army at home."

Condemned in Legion Posts.  
Kearns defense of Dempsey is the outgrowth of condemnatory resolutions passed by American Legion posts in several states, including Texas, Colorado, Indiana and Ohio, based on his failure to enter the service. The New Jersey athletic commission also has announced Dempsey will not be permitted to box that state. National officers of the American Legion yesterday announced the organization has not considered taking any action against Dempsey.

## BUSINESS TOSSERS WIN

Eastern Quilt Lacks Team Work  
and Proves an Easy Victim.

Score 19 to 11.

Eastern High School's basketball tossers displayed a lack of team work yesterday afternoon and as a result the Business quint grabbed the game played in the gymnasium of the Eastern High School by the score of 19 to 11. Business kept on the defensive throughout the contest, and, although nothing was lost to boast of, Eastern was even looser.

The individual playing of Myers and McKelvey for Eastern stood out, but the pair could not carry along the entire quint. Williams of Business was the headliner but he did not receive the winning assistance from Meany, Goetz and Held. Line-up and summary:

Banner for Parker.